(c) what are the reasons for divergence in figures, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Figures of net domestic savings as released by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in January 1987 in its Report on Currency and Finance 1985-86 are Rs. 29, 622 crores, Rs. 32, 248 ciores and Rs. 35, 638 crores for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 respectively.

(b) Figure of net domestic savings is released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) in January 1987. in its Quick Estimates of National Income, Consump tion, Savings and Capital Formation are Rs. 29, 635 crores, Rs. 33, 691 crores and Rs. 37, 585 crore$_s$ for the years 1983-84, 1984-85, and 1985-86 respectively.

(c) Variation in the two sets of figures is mainly due to the point of time at which these estimates are prepared by the two agencies. CSO releases its estimates after detailed analysis of- data available upto mid-December, whereas RBI estima tes are based on data available upto July| August following the close of the finan cial year and partly due to variation in methodology.

Promotion of Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes Assistants in Indian Investment Centre

2558. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the-PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Indian Investment Centre Assistants belonging to the Scheduled Castes community have not been promoted to the post of Section Officers even after rendering more than ten years service as Assistants, under Re- serve Quota; '

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain posts of Section Officers, under the reserve quota for Scheduled Castes [Scheduled Tribes are lying vacant for quite some time; and if so, details thereof and the reasons for not filling these posts when persons, belonging to Scheduled Castes tion are available in Indian Investment Centre;

(c) whether any proper roster register is being maintained by Indian Investment Centre to safeguard the interests wf Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Indian Investment Centre have not filled up reserved vacancies as per reservation rule for. category (a), (b), (c) and (d) if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Promotion to the post of Section Officer is from the cadre of Senior Assistants and not Assistants. There is only one Senior Assistant belonging to the Scheduled Caste Community in the Indian Investment Centre. He was not eligible for promotion to the post of Section Officers in the years 1981 and 1982 as he had not completed 8 years as Senior Assistant. Only one post of Section Officer (Library) was filled by open recruitment in 1986 when none from within the organisation, general or reserved category, could be considered as no one had the necessary qualifications for the post o£ Section Officer (Library). No post of Section Officer is lying vacant at present.

(c) A Roster i$_s$ being maintained.

. (d) It is not true that persons belong- t ing to the reserved category have not been appointed in the Indian Investment Centre. Out of 108 employees belonging to B, C and D categories, 15 belong to. " SC|ST. Majority of the 15 employees belonging to 'A' category are deputationists from Government Departments.

Consumer Price Index

2559. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI;

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(ai what is the estimated rise in the

the base year in the first six months of 1987; and

(b) the impact of these rises in each year of the Seventh Plan, on (i) Plan projects estinfates and (ii) Persons below poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE. MINISTRY OF FINANCEKSHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Concumer Price Index' for Industrial Workers (base 1960-100) for January, 1987 (latest available) at 688 does not show any increase over December, 1986 level. In the absence of the Consumer Price Index for later months, it is. not feasible to estimate the increase in the first six months of 1987.

(b) Does not arise.

Unaccounted money in the country

2560. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: SHRI ATAL BIHARl VAJPAYEE: •

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased 'to state;

(a) what is the annua] estimated gene-ration of unaccounted money in the country and how much of it is estimated to be in circulation at present;

(b) what steps have been taken to eliminate the generation and circulation of black money; and

(c) whether a portion of unaccounted money, has often been used in meeting: the high costs of elections and if so, what 6teps have been taken in this regard in 1985 and 1986 and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JA-NARDHAN POOJARI): (a) There is no official estimate of the amount of black money in circulation in the country. The National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, in their report on 'Aspects of Black Economy in India" have estimated the black income for 1983-84 between Rs. 31584 to Rs. 36786 crores. The authors have, however, admitted that their estimate is based on numerous assumptions and approximations, each of which can be challenged.

(b) Combating tax evasion is a conti nuous process and Government is fully committed to it. All possible measures to curb generation of black money, legis lative, administrative and institutional are being taken from time to time. As a result of liberal fiscal policies, revenue collections have gone up in the last finan cial year. The liberalisation of Sum mary. Assessment Scheme and reduction in. the tax rates of direct taxes is, how ever, only one limb of the policy. The other limb is intensive scrutiny and sear ches and seizures in the remaining cases so as to leave no doubts in the minds of tax-payers that they cannot get away with anything they declare in their returns of income. Enforcement machinery i_s be ing strengthened and the number of sear ches have substantially increased.

(c) There is no such definite informa tion. Necessary action under direct taxes Acts will be taken whenever definite in formation comes to the notice of the Department.

Foreign Exchange outgo on debt services

2561. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARl VAJPAYEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual foreign exchange outgo on debt services is about 22. 8 per cent of the annual export earnings, while 20 per cent has been considered as the danger mark;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what would be the estimated-position in the next couple of $year_s$ when repayment instalments related to the IMF loan are expected *to* be on the peak?